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12 January 1967

NRO REVIEW COMPLETED

MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Secretary
DDS&T Historical Board

SUBJECT: Requirement for Studies Extra to Narrative
History of OSA/DDS&T

REFERENCE: Minutes of First Meeting of DDS&T Historical
Board dated 8 December 1966

1. In compliance with paragraph 10 of the reference, this Office has reviewed its records and materials in planning for the preparation of the Office history, and we feel that at this time there is no evidence for need of additional studies performed outside our Office to effect the history of the Office.

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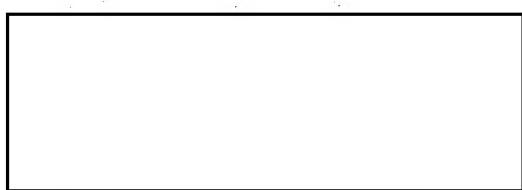
2. We presently have [redacted] employed full time on research and planning for the Office history. In addition, several senior key personnel who have been acquainted with the Office and its history for some time are prepared to aid [redacted] in any way possible. [redacted] experience with the Office, almost since its inception, coupled with the vast amount of documentation available precludes the need for significant new contributions by other individuals in the Office.

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3. Attached for your information is a draft of the history outline [redacted] is presently working on. Changes or possible shifts in emphasis may occur with further study. However, the attachment is quite comprehensive in itself.

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Office of Special Activities

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HISTORY OUTLINE

C I. Background

Land Panel Recommendation for High Altitude Reconnaissance Program
Optics Work - Dr. James Baker
Lockheed Profile

C II. Initial Approval

Acceptance of Land Panel's Recommendation
Approval to Go Ahead from the President

C III. Project Management Staff

Project Director: R. M. Bissell, Jr. (SA/PC/DCI)

Deputy and Staff

Organization and Planning

Personnel

Funding Budgeting & Planning

Written thru
'7y 61'

Use of Director's Reserve/Bureau of the Budget

Approval and Continuous Review

USAF to furnish Engines, GFE and Other Support

Budgets - 7y 1955 - 1966

V. Contracting for Components

Airframe and Engine

Optics

Cameras

Electronics

Other

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VI. Communications

Office of Communications Support, Worldwide

Communication links with field established and Maintained

Trained Personnel Furnished for Hqs and Field

Paul Bissell
written

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VII. Security/Cover

*Research
then '61 -*
Office of Security Support to Project
Development of Cover

Agreements with NACA and Air Weather Service
Development and Coordination of Emergency Procedures

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VIII. Build-up

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Partly written
"Jungle Bee" Facilities Management
Security and Other Problems

IX. VIII. Test Program

The U-2 from Fabrication to First Flight
Development and Testing of Components

Camera Systems
Electronic Systems
Navigational Aids
Pilot's Personal Equipment

Engine Problems

J/57-31 versus J/57-37

*C Move to
"Contracting"* Supplier Relations:

Kelly Johnson's "Skunk Works" Theory of Development
ADD: RAINBOW.

IX. Pilot Recruiting and Training

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*Research
done*

Recruitment Program: 25X1
Terms of Pilot Contract; Cover Arrangements, Etc.
Training Program; SAC Support
Aeromedical Support: ARDC, Lovelace, Firewel

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USAF U-2 Program (Follow-on Group)

*Research
done then '61*
Decision to Purchase U-2's for USAF
AQUATONE Procurement Channel to be used
Flight Testing and Pilot Training 25X1

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XI. Detachment A

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Cadre Build-up; [REDACTED]

Materiel: Development of SLOE and FAK

Training and USCM: Certification of Combat Readiness

Deployment to Overseas Operating Base

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[REDACTED] Redeployment to Wiesbaden, [REDACTED]

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Approval for Operations/Two Weeks Limitation

Over the Satellites

Over the USSR

Russian Protest

The Long Stand-down Begins

Later Operations: Middle East, Satellites

Return to ZI

XII. Detachment B

Cadre Build-up

Training Period

Deployment to Incerlik

Negotiation for Use of Base

Turks Approve

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[REDACTED] USAFE Support; Build-up of Facilities, Shuttle

Initial Operations -- Middle East Coverage, 1956-58

Continued Operations 1959-60

Middle East

Staging Operations

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[REDACTED] Change of Command, Reorganization of Det B Cadre

May Day and After

XIII. Detachment C

Cadre Build-up

Training Period

Delayed Deployment:

Negotiations for a Far East Base of Operations

The Squeeze between SAC's BLACK KNIGHT and SAC's U-2
Programs

Final Deployment to Atsugi NAS

Operations: Eielson Staging, [REDACTED] China,

Typhoon Hunting, [REDACTED]

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XVI. Detachment H

✓ Initial Concept

✓ Transfer of Aircraft

Arrangements with FAA

Documentation by Lockheed

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Establishment of TACKLE Program

Problems Encountered

Accomplishments of TACKLE from January 1962 through December 1966

XVII. AQUATONE/AMD Amalgamation

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XVIII. RAINBOW

Research--High Hopes

Application Problems

Poor Results

XVIII. Other U-2 Activities

Cuban Missile Crisis / SEA

XIX. OXCART

Search for a Successor to the U-2

Agreement of 14 October 1960 Between CIA & USAF

Contracting

Development of System

USAF Version

Political Climate

Termination of the Program

XX. Satellite Program

OS Phases covered

Initiate History of this program up until the time it relinquished its functions to NRO and OSP. This will be coordinated with OSP prior to implementation.

XXI. Reorganizations

Dase
~~From Autonomous Project (AQUATONE) to Development Projects
Division under the DD/P
From DD/P to DD/R
OSA Constituted
Establishment of DD/S&T~~

XXII. Intelligence Obtained from Overhead Reconnaissance, 1955-62

XVII
~~Requirements System/ARC/COMOR
Processing the "Take"
HTAUTOMAT to NPIC
Eastman~~

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~~Control of Intelligence and Documentation Systems: TALENT,
KEYHOLE, Etc.~~

(✓) XVIII. XXIII. Effect of Intelligence Gained on National Policy

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